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instruct and they will be able to pass the national registry test and get out and serve us statewide as they perform this very important service. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. Question before the body is the advancement of LB 238. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 238.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 238 advances. LB 238A.

CLERK: LB 238A, by Senator Price. (Read title.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Price, you're recognized to open on the A bill.

SENATOR PRICE: This bill follows LB 238. It's a...it's a one-time expense as they begin the process of keeping some good records, and I urge your support for this...this amount.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the A bill? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to ask a couple questions. One is the exact amount on this, I don't have it on my machine, or the A bill, Senator Price, and then I did have a couple other questions. It is nominal. It's \$2,000, so that's fine. I...but what I really wanted to ask you about is the...the bill that...I'm not so much concerned about the \$2,000 one-time. I understand that. But what I am concerned about is to where they may lead and it's just so I understand what we're doing. Obviously, I have no problem with the bill, the recertification process, all of these. That's not the issue. The issue is are we...will we be expected or does this put additional burden on the governmental units to pay for this additional training? Is that going to be a factor. I just...I just wonder where it's leading us, or the governmental units. That's really all my concern is, for training costs. Is this an unfunded mandate, so to speak, that type of thing? If I may ask Senator Price, please.